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¶1. (U) Charge d'Affaires delivered reftel demarche to MEA Acting Joint Secretary (Americas) at OOB October 10. Polcouns also delivered demarche to Joint Secretary (East Asia) Ashok Kantha, who cited India's strong statement condemning the DPRK nuclear test.

¶2. (C) Early on October 9, DepPolCouns stressed to MEA Americas J/S Jaishankar that India should immediately, unequivocally, and publicly denounce the North Korean nuclear test (reftel). Jaishankar said that a statement would be imminently forthcoming.

¶3. (U) MEA released the following later on October 9: "We are deeply concerned at the reported nuclear test conducted by the DPRK. It is unfortunate that the DPRK has conducted such a test in violation of its international commitments, jeopardizing peace, stability and security on the Korean Peninsula and in the region. The test also highlights the dangers of clandestine proliferation. We are monitoring the situation and are in close touch with several countries."

¶4. (C) COMMENT: Jaishankar said the AQ Kahn involvement in the DPRK program would ensure a strong Indian statement, and the Indians are playing up Khan's role in Tuesday's papers. With regard to pending UNSC action, Kantha added that India was in "wait and watch" mode. END COMMENT.
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